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Attorney General John Ashcroft
US Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
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Dear Mr. Ashcroft,

I wanted to submit this letter to express my approval of the Justice Department's settlement with Microsoft Corporation. I have disagreed with the government's case from the beginning, but I see this agreement as the best solution for all parties to declare victory.

Although it is hard to be a real monopoly when you have so much competition trying to push their way into more market share through the tool of litigation, not to mention a constituency of millions of satisfied customers, Microsoft is taking several steps to create a more dynamic software environment with this deal. Hardware developers will have broader rights to configure Windows with software that competes with Microsoft, and will benefit from no contract restrictions on future distribution or promotion of Windows products. The top 20 computer makers will also receive uniform pricing for licensing Windows, to provide further incentives to consider alternative software vendors and truly level the playing field.

As these examples prove, this agreement is quite generous and actually exceeds some of the government's demands. Microsoft is the most dominant software player because they have earned it and deserve to continue without further government interference. Hence, I ask for your support.

Sincerely,

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